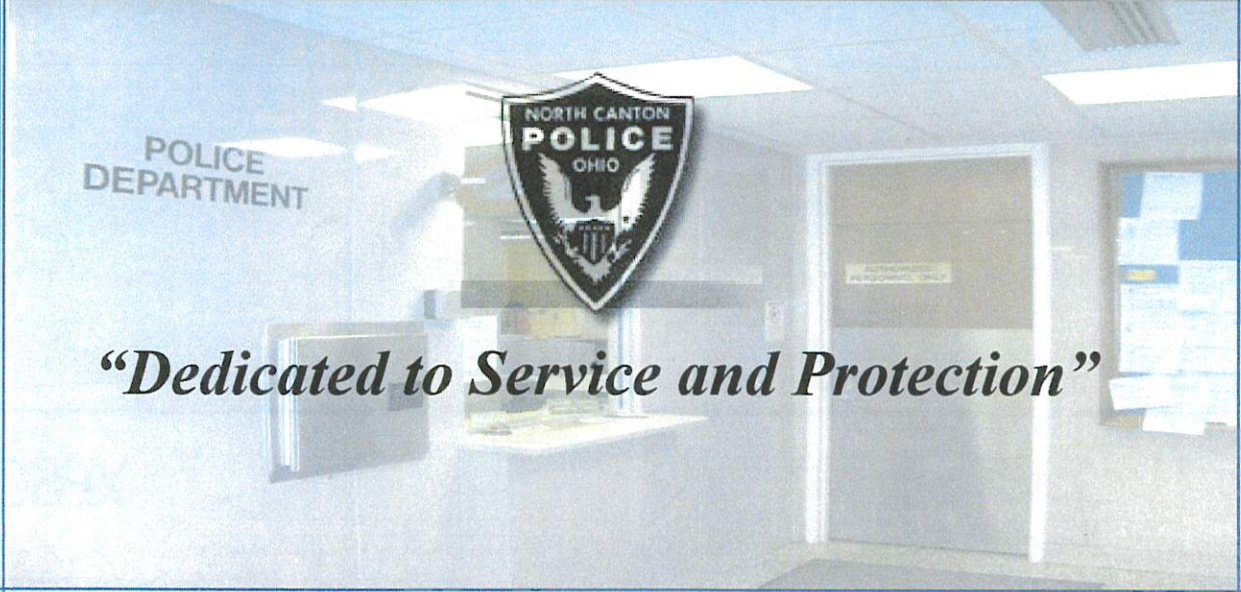
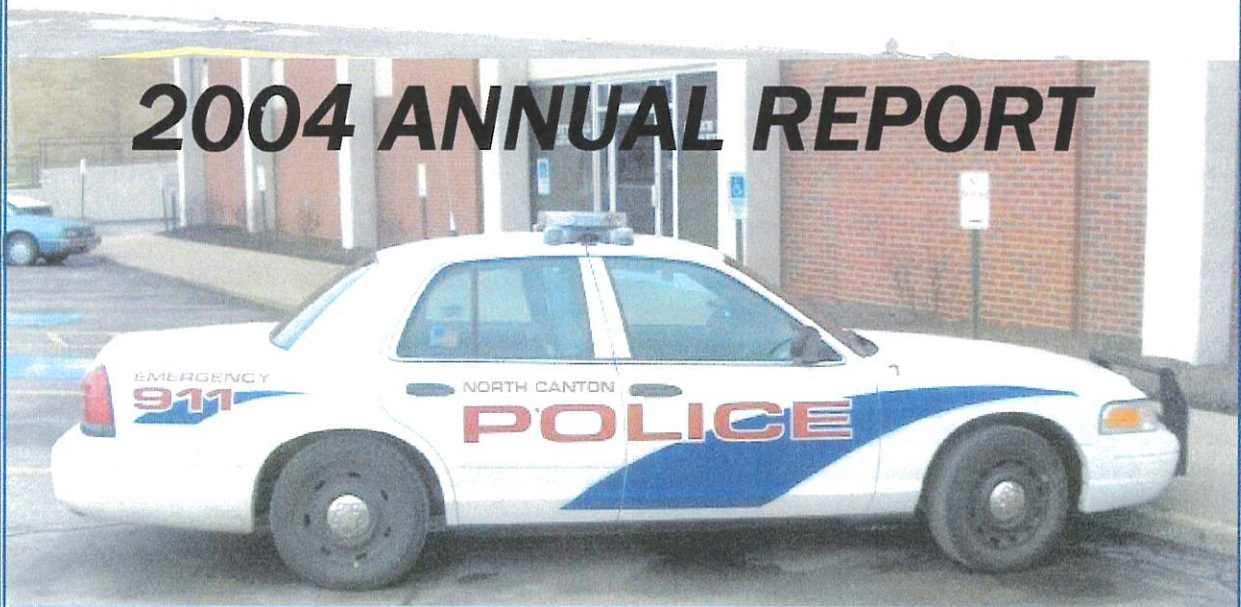




# ***THE NORTH CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT***

## ***2004 ANNUAL REPORT***



***"Dedicated to Service and Protection"***







## INTRODUCTION

*The North Canton Police Department is a full-time professional law enforcement organization providing 24-hour service to the citizens of North Canton. The Department is commanded by Chief of Police Michael J. Grimes. He is assisted by his Administrative Assistant and six Lieutenants. Five Lieutenants are assigned to the Uniformed Patrol Division and one to the Detective Bureau. The Uniformed Patrol Division is comprised of eighteen full-time Patrol Officers and three part-time Officers. There is currently one full-time Officer assigned to the DARE program and one assigned to the Detective Bureau. Additional Patrol Officers are assigned to the Detective bureau temporarily as needed.*

*The Department operates a 24-hour Dispatch Center. It is comprised of a Chief Dispatcher, six full-time Dispatchers, and two part-time Dispatchers. In addition to the Police Department the Center also handles dispatch responsibilities for the North Canton Fire Department, and North Canton Emergency Medical Service.*

*The Department is responsible for providing Crossing Guards at various intersections around the City. There are currently seven regular and four substitute crossing guards who handle this important task.*

*The Department has a Juvenile Diversion Counselor who works with troubled youths and their families. He acts as a liaison between them, the Department, Juvenile Court and the School System.*

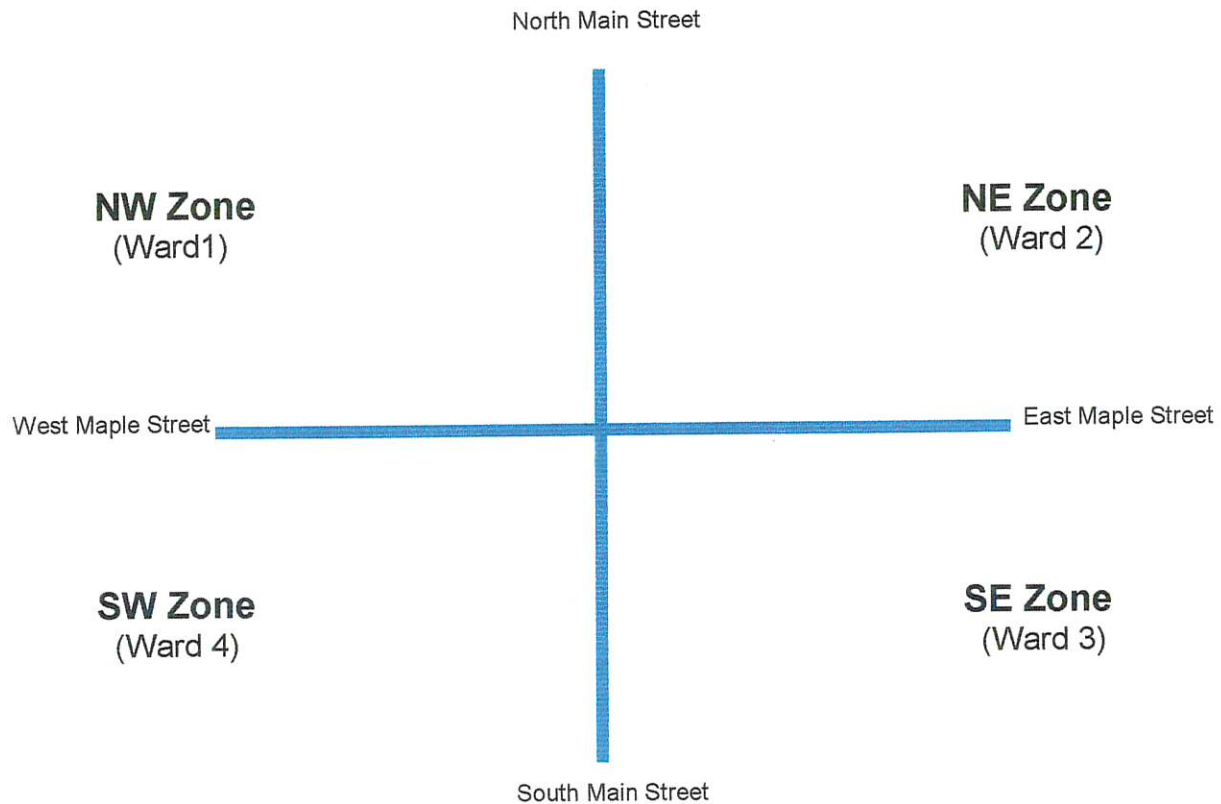
*The contents of this report represent only a small fraction of the work done by the members of the Department, on a daily basis. We strive to give the best possible service to the community. Working together with the other City Departments and with the support of the City Government and Administration, the citizens of North Canton are in very good hands.*

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## ***POLICE ZONES FOR DATA REFERENCE***



For patrol and statistical purposes the city is divided up into four quadrants or zones. These zones match the street name direction designators to keep things simple. Depending on the shift and manpower there can be one patrol car assigned to each zone. At the minimum there will be a patrol car assigned to patrol both northern zones and one assigned to patrol both southern zones. In addition to the zone cars, there will be a floating car which will randomly patrol all four zones. Additional cars can be assigned to special patrol duties such as traffic enforcement, neighborhoods, accidents, etc. The Department also employs a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser based patrol.



## **MAJOR CRIMES FOR THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Murder</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Assault</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Larceny</b>	<b>Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>Arson</b>
1994	0	4	5	8	77	216	17	0
1995	0	8	7	31	54	219	12	2
1996	0	5	6	46	64	254	12	2
1997	0	7	8	31	50	288	13	3
1998	0	6	2	47	68	276	10	2
1999	0	5	4	47	67	293	8	1
2000	0	7	7	37	54	346	5	3
2001	0	3	8	32	38	367	3	8
2002	0	6	10	37	46	373	15	5
2003	2	7	9	46	50	389	6	0
<b>2004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>

The incidence of major crimes committed in the City in 2004 dropped slightly in all categories with the exception of auto theft and arson.

We have seen an increase in the number of larcenies over the past several years. This can be partially attributed to the increase of the number of retail businesses in the City. This has increased the number of shoplifting calls. Many stores have improved their loss prevention techniques and are proceeding with criminal prosecutions on a regular basis.

### ***Criminal Charges and Individual Arrests***

Criminal charges are the actual filing of one or more criminal complaints with the court against a person usually in conjunction with the physical arrest of that person. Traffic citations are generally not considered arrest charges. The only exception is an arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (OVI), which is filed on a traffic citation. In 2004 there were **703** total criminal charges filed by the Police Department. Of those **542** were filed against adults and **161** filed against juveniles. There were **468** individuals arrested in 2004. Including a total of **362** adult arrests and **106** juvenile arrests. Some of these people were charged with multiple offenses.



### **CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED**

Year	Total Charges	Adult Charges	Juvenile Charges
2000	683	512	171
2001	696	525	171
2002	565	444	121
2003	607	453	154
2004	703	542	161

### **INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS**

Year	Total Individual Arrests	Adult Arrests	Juvenile Arrests
2000	531	382	149
2001	544	406	138
2002	433	337	96
2003	434	313	121
2004	468	362	106

### **Operating a Vehicle under the Influence of alcohol/drugs\***

Year	Total OVI Arrests	Adult	Juvenile
2000	62	60	2
2001	83	81	2
2002	67	66	1
2003	50	50	0
2004	83	80	3

\* OVI is the new name for DUI, same offense.



## TOP FIVE ARREST CHARGES - ADULT

2000	Warrants 102	D.U.I. 60	Theft 39	Liquor Violations 36	Drug Violations 35
2001	Warrants 133	Theft 89	D.U.I. 81	Drug Violations 36	Domestic Violence 25 Liquor Violations 25
2002	Warrants 123	D.U.I. 66	Theft 61	Drug Violations 37	Domestic Violence 23
2003	Warrants 84	Theft 51	D.U.I. 50	Liquor Violations 31	Drug Violations 29
2004	O.V.I.* 83	Warrants 78	Theft 38	Domestic Violence 22	Liquor Violations 20

\* OVI is the same offense as DUI

## TOP FIVE ARREST CHARGES - JUVENILE

2000	Theft 35	Liquor Violations 32	Criminal Damaging 23	Unruly Juvenile 14	Domestic Violence 8
2001	Theft 51	Unruly 19	Criminal Damaging or Mischief 18	Drug Offenses 15	Liquor Offenses 15
2002	Theft 23	Miscellaneous Offenses 21	Unruly 16	Drug Offenses 15	Criminal Damaging 11
2003	Theft 40	Unruly 19	Drug Offenses 15	Vandalism 12	Liquor Violations 10
2004	Liquor Offenses 25	Drug Offenses 19	Unruly 17	Theft 14	Criminal Damaging 9

### *Criminal Charges and Prosecution*

When charges are filed against an adult that person can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Stark County Jail or issued a summons and released. This depends on the type and seriousness of the offense. The Police Department utilizes the North Canton Mayor's Court, the Canton Municipal Court, and the Stark County Common Pleas Court to prosecute criminal offenses. Mayor's Court can only try cases that involve violations of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton. The Canton Municipal Court can try cases involving violations of both North Canton City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Common Pleas Court handles felony violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

When charges are filed against a juvenile they can either be arrested and incarcerated at the Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center or sign a Promise to Appear form and be released to a parent /guardian. The Stark County Family Court – Juvenile Division has exclusive jurisdiction to try all juvenile cases.



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*JUSTICE*



## Offense Reports

There were **1704** criminal offenses reported in **2004**. An increase over the 1593 reported in 2003. The chart below shows a comparison of some of the different types between the past five years.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Stolen Vehicles	5	3	15	6	14
Domestic Violence (DV)	48	37	36	38	36
Domestic Dispute (DD)	55	63	63	44	64
Domestic Violence - Arrests	30	28	25	26	22
Burglaries- Total	54	38	46	50	45
NW Zone	17	10	9	17	20
NE Zone	11	6	17	8	9
SW Zone	17	13	10	12	6
SE Zone	9	9	10	13	10
Breaking & Entering- Total	21	34	27	36	28
NW Zone	6	9	9	12	5
NE Zone	8	8	3	6	14
SW Zone	2	8	8	9	3
SE Zone	5	9	7	9	6
Sex Offenses- Total	11	13	15	14	14
Rape	7	3	6	7	4
Public Indecency	1	6	3	0	6
Sexual Imposition	3	1	4	6	3
Weapons Offenses	5	3	2	2	11
Assaults	37	32	37	46	36
Thefts From Vehicles	76	62	62	71	83
Drug Offenses	40	55	51	62	81

When any offense is reported a Patrol Officer is dispatched and conducts the initial inquiry into the incident. Based on that, further action is taken which can include documentation on a Call For Service, beginning a preliminary criminal report-investigation, interviews, evidence collection / preservation, taking witness statements, on-scene arrests, scene preservation for additional investigators and other options. Follow-up investigation can be done by the initial officer, the Detective Bureau, other outside law enforcement agencies, non-law enforcement agencies, or in many cases a combination of two or more.

### Detective Bureau

There are currently two Officers assigned to the Detective Bureau on a full-time basis, one Lieutenant and one Patrolman. Additional Patrolmen are temporarily assigned on an as-needed basis. In addition to investigating criminal offenses they collect crime scene evidence, transport evidence to the crime lab, handle the Crime Watch program, conduct neighborhood surveys following criminal activity, and maintain a liaison with other Departments and businesses. They conduct background investigations on candidates for hire and conduct internal investigations, at the direction of the Chief.

Their overall case clearance rate for 2004 was **39%**, which is well above the FBI Uniform Crime Report national average of 20%\*. \*Based on the most current available data, 2003 FBI UCR



### **Detective Bureau Statistics**

Year	Total Investigations	Criminal Investigations	Total Criminal Charges Filed	Individuals Criminally Charged	Clearance Rate %
1999*	236	187	57	49	50.80
2000	234	204	50	40	39.21
2001	225	204	91	77	45.60
2002	255	225	66	50	41.78
2003	276	253	108	72	43.87
<b>2004</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>39.13</b>

\* 1999 is the first year which the Detective Bureau began maintaining statistical data on their cases.



### **Traffic Citations – Written Warnings – Parking Tickets**

A citation can be issued for a violation of the traffic section of the City Ordinances or the Ohio Revised Code. Mayor's court can only try violations of City Ordinances. The Canton Municipal Court can try violations of both City Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. The Stark County Family Court handles all juvenile traffic violations.

Officers have the discretion to issue a written warning for a traffic violation instead of a citation. This is sometimes done for minor offenses, equipment defects, recently expired license plates, or any other offense where a warning will suffice to promote compliance with the traffic code. Warnings are kept on file and the warning file is checked when a driver is stopped by an officer. This helps ensure that the same person does not receive multiple warnings for the same offense.

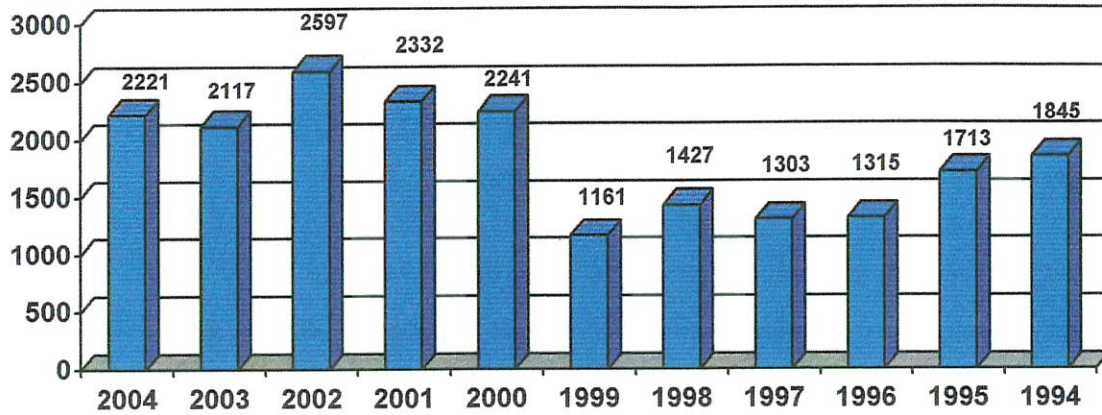
Parking tickets are issued for various violations of the Parking Ordinance. These include but are not limited to handicapped parking, fire lane, overtime, and no parking zone violations.



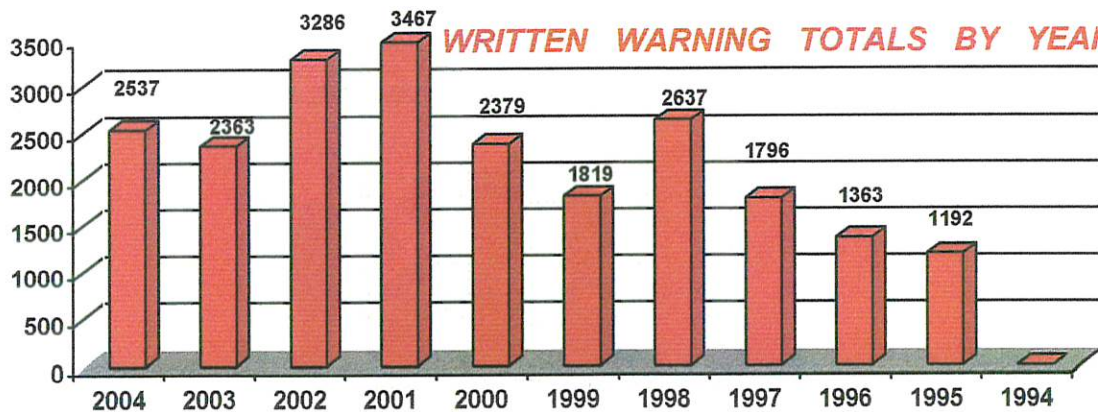
### **Yearly Issuance Comparison - Totals**

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>Traffic Citations</b></u>	<u><b>Written Warnings</b></u>	<u><b>Parking Tickets</b></u>
2000	2241	2379	1271
2001	2332	3467	1237
2002	2597	3286	1164
2003	2117	2363	1388
<b>2004</b>	<b>2221</b>	<b>2537</b>	<b>854</b>

### TRAFFIC CITATION TOTALS BY YEAR

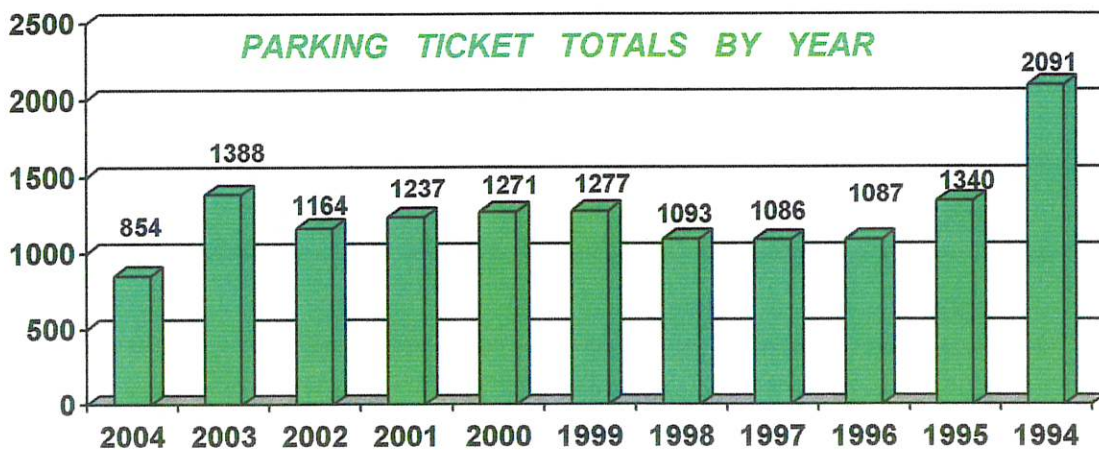


### WRITTEN WARNING TOTALS BY YEAR



\* No Data Available for 1994

### PARKING TICKET TOTALS BY YEAR





## TOP FIVE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Year					
2000	Speed 978	Traffic Signals 231	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 174	License Plate Violations 149	Stop Signs 123
2001	Speed 1340	License Plate Violations 187	Traffic Signals 184	Drivers License Violations 153	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 148
2002	Speed 1397	Traffic Signals 250	License Plate Violations 161	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 157	Driving Under Suspension 122
2003	Speed 904	Traffic Signals 231	License Plate Violations 207	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 183	Driving under Suspension 106
2004	Speed 905	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 195	License Plate Violations 187	Driving under Suspension 160	Traffic Signals 250



## Traffic Crash Investigation



The Police Department investigated a total of 677 traffic crashes in 2004. This is a slight increase in the number investigated the previous year. The Police Department investigates almost all of the reported crashes that occur within the City. Occasionally a Stark County Sheriff's Deputy or Ohio State Patrol Trooper will happen upon a crash in the City and handle it.

The Department investigates crashes that occur on public (roadway) and private property.

When the investigation indicates that a violation occurred on roadway accidents a citation is normally issued. Citations are not normally issued for private property crashes.

Crashes with a reported injury were down for 2004. Fortunately there were no fatal crashes during the year.

The majority of the crashes occurred between the hours of 6:30 AM and 10:30 PM.

The most heavily traveled streets in the City also recorded the highest number of crashes for 2004:

- North Main Street, 132, a large portion of which occurred in the 1000 to 1600 blocks.
- South Main Street, 93, the majority occurring in the 1200 to 1500 blocks.
- Applegrove Streets NE and NW, 54, the majority in the 100 blocks.
- East and West Maple Streets, 50, a large portion in the 2000 block of East Maple.
- Everhard Road SW, 39, with over half occurring in the 100 and 700 blocks.

These numbers include the 99 intersection accidents, which were pretty evenly spread out amongst 62 different intersecting streets in the City.

The reduction of traffic crashes continues to be a priority for the Department. Targeting high incidence areas for enforcement of the traffic laws is one of the ways we attempt to do this.

There were 165 reported crashes on private property during 2004. Of these, 4 resulted in an injury of some type. The major cause for the private property crashes was improper backing. Many of the crashes occurred at our larger retail establishments such as:

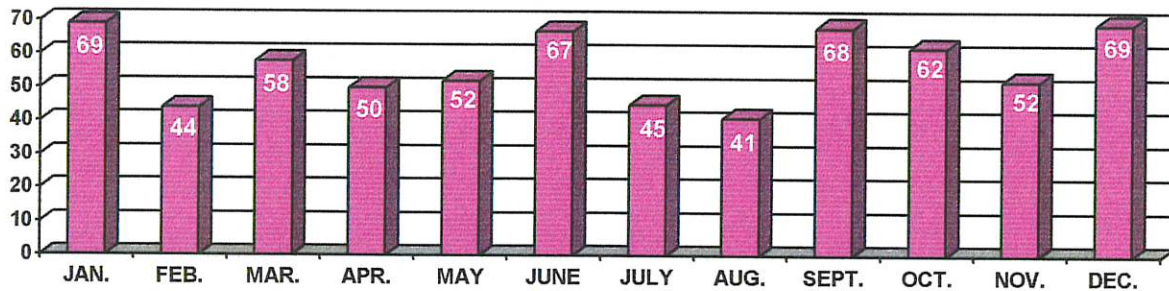
- The Acme lot at 1474 N. Main St.
- The Marc's Plaza at 1664 N. Main St.
- The Giant Eagle Plaza at 1955 East Maple St.
- The Gabriel Brothers Plaza at 5800 Whipple Ave.



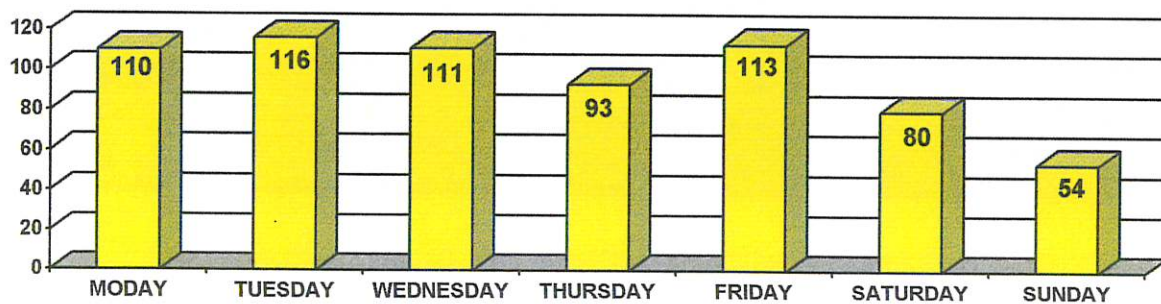
## TRAFFIC CRASHES BY YEAR

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Crashes</u>	<u>Public Property Crashes</u>	<u>Private Property Crashes</u>	<u>Crashes with Injury / Fatality</u>
2000	652	517	135	127 / 0
2001	592	452	140	103 / 1
2002	623	465	158	124 / 0
2003	653	490	163	108 / 2
2004	677	512	165	90 / 0

### Crashes By Month 2004



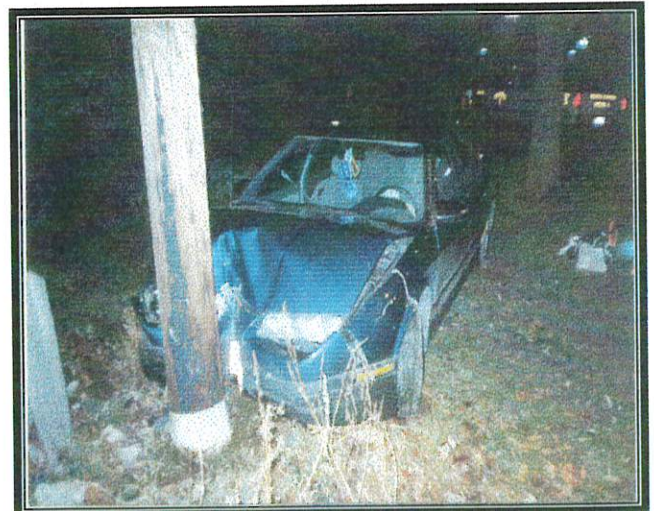
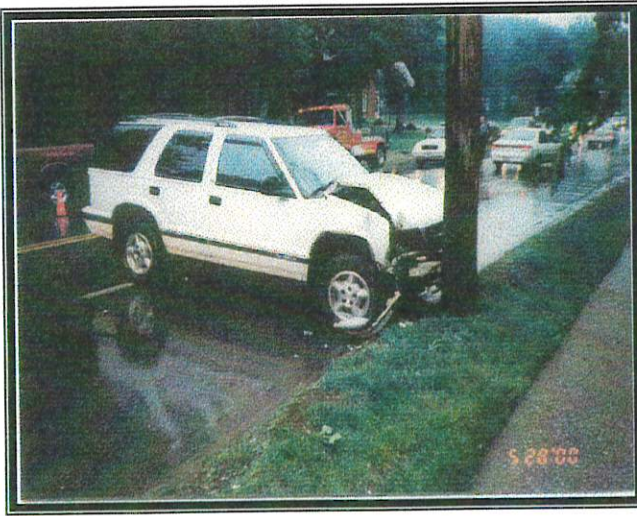
### Crashes By Day 2004





## TOP FIVE TRAFFIC CRASH VIOLATIONS

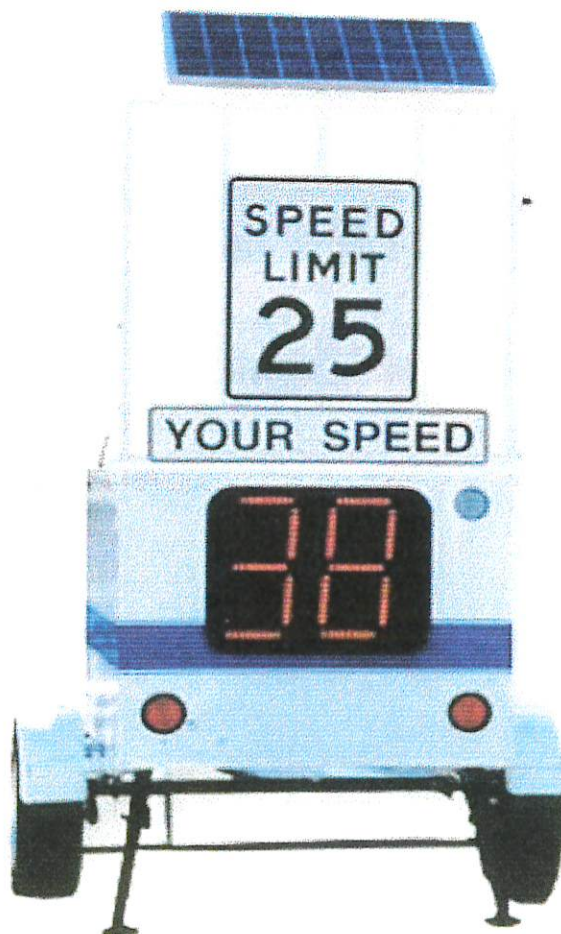
Year	Violation					
2001	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 146	Failure to Yield the Right of Way 118	Improper Lane Change 39	Failure to Control 36	Improper Backing 28	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 24
2002	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 165	Failure to Yield the Right of Way 95	Improper Backing 38	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 36	Improper Lane Change 31	Failure to Control 29
2003	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 185	Failure to Yield the Right of Way 91	Failure to Control 39	Improper Lane Change 38	Stop Sign or Traffic Signal Violation 36	Improper Starting or Backing 35
2004	Assured Clear Distance Ahead 153	Failure to Control 35	Improper Starting or Backing 34	Failure to Yield From Private Property 33	Failure to Yield While Turning Left 32	Traffic Signal Violation 23





### S.M.A.R.T. Trailer

The Department utilizes a **Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer** to conduct traffic surveys, monitor speeds, and remind motorists of their speed. The trailer consists of a radar unit and a large numeric display, which shows the motorist's speed. During 2004 the trailer was placed at various streets around the City on a daily basis during the spring and summer months. Information compiled regarding traffic speeds, volume, times of use, etc. aids the Department in focusing on problem areas. It is also used to do traffic counts which aid in making changes to existing traffic controls, adding or deleting them, and substantiating complaints in trouble spots.



## Calls For Service



A Call For Service (CFS) is a computer entry made by the dispatcher on incidents that officers respond to, traffic stops, calls from citizens, EMS & Fire calls, hazards, arrests, other Agencies using our equipment such as the BAC Datamaster machine, and other things that the dispatcher or supervisor deem necessary. The CFS system allows the Department to track many items and insures an adequate response or check when needed. Calls For Service requiring additional follow-up are monitored by the Patrol Commander to insure that all calls are properly answered. The following chart shows the breakdown for the time of day when calls are received.

### *Calls For Service by Time of Day*

<b>Calls For Service</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>6:30 AM – 2:29 PM Day Shift</b>	14,096	14,869	14,790	14,078	13720
<b>2:30 PM – 10:29 PM Afternoon Shift</b>	15,296	16,269	16,044	14101	13475
<b>10:30 PM – 6:29 AM Night Shift</b>	8,485	9,419	8,315	7026	6668
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>37,877</b>	<b>40,557</b>	<b>39,149</b>	<b>35,205</b>	<b>33863</b>

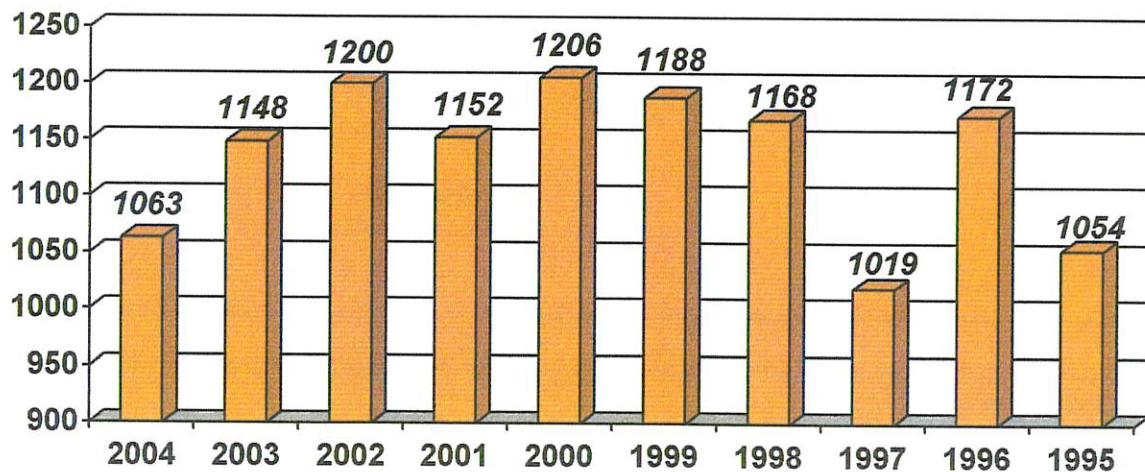


## Alarms



The Police Department received **1063** alarm calls from 408 sites during **2004**. This is a decrease from the 1148 alarm calls from 408 sites in 2003. These sites range from private residences to retail and commercial establishments. These alarms can be anything from a basic burglar alarm to a hold-up / panic alarm. The vast majority of these alarms were false or accidental. However each must be handled as a real alarm for the protection of the officer as well as the public. This is a very time consuming process for the Department and utilizes a large amount of resources. Steps are taken by the Department to reduce the number of false alarms by working with those locations that have a high number.

*Alarm Calls By Year*



## Top Five Business Alarms

<u>Year</u>					
2000	Camelot Music* 52	N. Canton Medical Foundation 36	Arrowhead Country Club 34	Mercy Statcare 28	Charter One Bank 26
2001	Marc's Discount Store 30	Camelot Music* 26	Subway & Mercy Statcare 22	Citizen's Savings Bank, Arrowhead Country Club & Clark Gas Station 20	Charter One Bank 19
2002	Camelot Music* 47	Mercy Statcare 31	Charter One Bank 28	Clark Gas Station & Arrowhead Country Club 18	North Canton Medical Foundation & Biris Jewelers 17
2003	Subway 31	Mercy Statcare 30	Arrowhead Country Club/ N. Canton Medical Foundation/ Spee-D-Foods 19	North Canton Collision 18	Camelot Music* 16
2004	National City Bank 36	Mercy Statcare 29	Bank One, Subway, Arrowhead CC, N.C. Med. Foundation, & Aultman Foundation 15	Sky Bank 13	Marc's & Hoover High School 10

\*The Camelot Music alarm comes into our Dispatch Center however the building is located out of the city and is responded to by another Police Dept.





### Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer

The Police Department has one Officer assigned full-time to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (**D.A.R.E.**) program within the school system. In addition to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade DARE program he teaches a personal safety program to 1<sup>st</sup> grade students, and a safety belt program to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. There were also two **Gang Resistance Education And Education Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** summer camps held at the Greentown Elementary School.

The 03-04 school year saw **432**, 5<sup>th</sup> graders complete the DARE program and **407** 3<sup>rd</sup> graders complete the safety belt program. There were **140** students who attended the G.R.E.A.T. summer camp. Since 1992 there have been **5161** graduates from the DARE program.

The Department received a grant from the State of Ohio this year for the DARE program in the amount of \$11438.00. This money was applied toward wages for the DARE Officer.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade safety belt program is run through the Ohio Department of Highway Safety.

### School Resource Officer



The Department also has an Officer assigned part-time as a School Resource Officer (**S.R.O.**) He works within the schools on a daily basis as a liaison between the Department and the School System. He handles most school related incidents and works closely with the school administration to resolve problems.

### Special Response Team



The Department has a Special Response Team (**S.R.T.**) which is staffed by a Lieutenant and nine Patrolmen on a part time basis. They train monthly with specialized equipment in various tactics to handle situations that are beyond the normal police call. They are tasked with a wide variety of assignments ranging from serving high-risk search and arrest warrants to barricaded gunmen calls.

### Bike Patrol



The Department utilizes a bicycle patrol to supplement the normal cruiser patrol during the spring, summer, and early fall months. There are currently 8 certified bike officers who have attended specialized training. The Department has 4 Trek, police-model patrol bikes and a marked cruiser equipped with a bike rack for bike patrol use. The bike unit assisted in numerous special community events during the year in addition to their normal patrol duties.



## Property Room



The property room is staffed by two Patrolmen and a Lieutenant on a part-time basis. They are the evidence custodians of the Department. Any evidence or property taken into custody by the Police Department is processed through the Property Room. Items taken in range from criminal evidence, like drugs or firearms to recovered property such as a lost bicycle. At any given time there are over 1200 items being held by the Department. During 2004 over 700 items were processed by the evidence officers. Items no longer needed for Court are returned to the owners. Items are released on a continuous basis, over 200 in 2004. Many items are contraband and are destroyed. Useable items for which no owner can be found are sold at the annual City auction. During 2004 a Court authorized destruction was conducted at Republic Steel Corp. Well over 150 items were melted in one of the large steel furnaces. The items ranged from firearms to drugs.



## Department Training



The Department has several certified instructors who conducted various training classes during the year. These included but were not limited to firearms, less than lethal weapons, subject control, legal update, radar, laser, video, and L.E.A.D.S.

Additionally all Officers attended training outside the Department. This training covered a wide variety of topics including B.A.C., Drug I.D., CPR, O.V.I. detection, Traffic Crash Investigation, SWAT, Public Records, Internal Investigations, Interviewing, Background Investigation, Management, Legal Updates, Officer Survival and continuing Chief's Training.

The Department also has a Field Training Unit which is responsible for the training of all new Officers. It is staffed on a part-time basis by a Lieutenant and five Patrolmen / Field Training Officers.

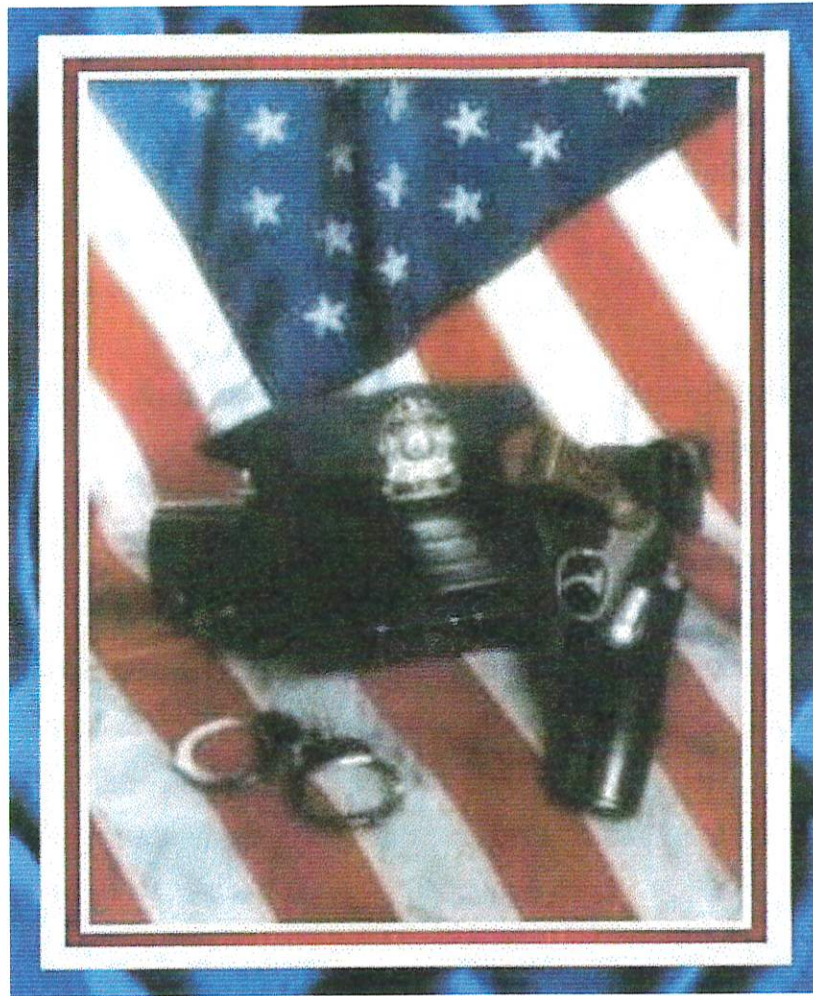


## Changes and Notes of Interest For 2004

- The Department received a new state of the art \$10,000 night vision system for free via a grant from the Federal Government.
- The Department received a 911 simulator from local State Farm Agent James Brown.
- North Canton rated as one of the top 100 places to live. Safety cited as one of the reasons.
- Ptl. Mike Kirkpatrick sworn in as a full time Patrolman.
- Dispatcher Cathy Storey hired full time.
- Part time Dispatcher Lorie Walter resigned.
- New equipment and capabilities added by the SRT Team.
- Major upgrades to the Departments computer system.
- The Communications Center was updated with new equipment.
- Dispatchers received in-service and outside training to improve their skills.
- Members attended various outside training classes and seminars.
- The Department met the needs of the community after a major power outage.
- Several vehicle pursuits occurred all of which were concluded safely with apprehensions.
- Three old dark blue cruisers were replaced with three new white ones.
- LED light bars were added to the new cruisers.
- Various policies updated and new ones implemented.

## Future Concerns

Equipment upgrades and additional training continue to be priorities. Space issues within the Department continue to be a pressing need. New capabilities for the Department will be explored. Finding ways to reduce costs but still maintain our excellent services are also a goal. All done in an effort to better serve the Citizens of North Canton.



***"Last Watch"***

In Remembrance of two members of the NCPD family who passed on in 2004.

***Auxiliary Captain Arlan "Pat" Schrader, 12-28-2004***

***Auxiliary Patrolman Robert Leeders, 12-30-2004***

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